It was tarnished , to be sure, but it was strangely familiar. For an instant he doubted his own eyes, but after he had looked at the setting. which held a peculiarly shaped ruby and several tiny pearls, and glanced at the inscription inside, he knew "ithout a doubt that it was the ring he had given to Ruth Lorton three rears ago.

She had lost it while away on her vacation which she had spent at this same farmhouse-this was the reasoon why Parker had decided to come nere. Early one morning Ruth had gone down stairs and when she returned to her room only a few moments later the ring, which had been lying on her bureau was not to be found anywhere.

When she had told Parker this story he had unconsciously shown a little doubt in his manner. Ruth had resented this and a quarrel had arisen which had resulted in their engagement being broken.

"You said you was goin' fishin' with me today," piped a boy's voice as Parker pregared to make himself comfortable on the shady side of the piazza. A boy about ten years old was loping up the steps. His shock of tow-colored hair and the numerous f.eckles which often go with it were topped by a wide-brimmed straw hat.

Well, Bob, I don't believe we'll go this morning. It's most too ate now. We'll start early some other morning. What do you say?"

"All right," Bob assented, but he acted a little disappointed. "We're goin' to have another boarder next week," he said rather unexpectedly. after a short pause.

"She's a dandy," went on the boy. \*She's good, too-Miss Lorton is-Parker stared at him. "Miss Lorton," he repeated. "What day is she coming?" he asked, turning the

ring over and over in his hand. 'Monday," answered Bob, "she-But he did not finish his sentence. He turned suddenly and almost ran into the house.

Parker could hardly wait for Monday to come. He was sitting on the plazza when she came. She paled slightly at the first sight of him, but returned his bow coolly as she passed

into the house. For three days Parker found it impossible to speak to Ruth alone. He was confident that if he could have a talk with her and show her the ruby ring everything would be as it had been three years ago. His thoughts were interrupted by the ap-

pearance of Bob. 'I'-I want-" stammered the boy. standing first on one leg and then the other. He evidently had something on his mind which he wanted to tell Parker, but did not know how to begin.

"What is it Bob?" asked Parker, with a: encouraging smile.

"You've given me a knife and a fishin' pole; and I don't know what. and I'm goin' to tell you some-"All right," said Parker kindly.

"I'm waiting." "You know that ring you got out

of the well t'other mornin' and-" "Yes, yes," broke in Parker.

"You held it in your hand as though you thought a lot of it-I wanted to tell you then, but I couldn't. And when she come I sec you two wasn't good friends, and so I'm goin' to tell you about it. I throwed-it into the "You threw it into the well." re-

peated Parker, astounded. "What

"I'm going to tell you the truth. I took the ring off Miss Lorton's bureau, 'cause'twas awful shining and pretty-I was only a kid then. When I see everybody huntin' for it I got scared and throwed it in the well. I've been awful sorry I done it." Bob's eyes were fixed on the floor of the piazza, and Parker was confident that he was very near tears.

"Bob, you've made a lot of trouble," he said after a while. you're a brick to tell now. If you'll go to Miss Lo-ton and tell her, maybe things will be all right-"

"It isn't necessary," said a voice right behind them. Looking up. Parker saw Ruth smiling with the old lovelight in her eyes. Bob went away softly and left the two alone. "He was only a little child then."

said Rutn. "We mustn't blame "No, indeed we mustn't," returned

Parker fervently. "Bob's all right." After a moment he added. "Wil. you forgive me Ruth, for acting as though I doubted you?"

"There's nothing to forgive R-Ronald. I was as much to blame as

Parker took the ring from his pocket. It was bright now, bearing witness to the fact that it has received a good polish. 'Will you wear this again Ruth," he asked tenderly.

Ruth's only answer was to put out one small hand. The next moment the ruby ring was in its old place.

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PICKLED BEETS IN CAMP.

Laugh Was On the Bachelors When They Told Their Story.

"When you take the ox team up to Emporia after the mail and provisions, see if you can't get some vegetables," said Warren. "The cows got into my garden and cleaned up what the coons, bugs and other things had left, and we want some creen stuff. See if you can't get some onions, beets, cucumbers, or anything." We were bachelors, pioneering in Order of Fraidcats, he has a cave

fine bunch of early beets. We promised ourselves a treat. We peeled and sliced them and put them in vinegar. Next day they were set out for theh evening meal and we talked about them.

Kansas, says Mr. Fred Mather, the

author of "Men I Have Fished

brought back from Emporia was a

"Them beets must be more than a hundred years old," said Warren. "I've seen lots o' beets, but they was alluz tender and good."

"They can't be old. They don't keep beets over a year, like dried beans; besides that; didn't you see the tops were green? I think they're a new kind or else the soil here is not good for beets."

"They ain't cut thin enough for the vinegar to soften them," said he. These cukes are all right; they're cut thin and the vinegar goes right through them and they're tender."

"Yes, the cucumbers are good; but what ails the beets I don't know. I've often eaten 'em at home when mother cut 'em up in vinegar. Perhaps they want to be soaked in it longer to make 'em tender. I don't know how long they have to stay in before they're fit to eat."

try it. Beets is a mighty good relish. They're good for what ails you; for a man can't live on salt pork, ham and all that stuff-salt codfish and mackerel and sich stuff-without a little vegetable food. Put them beets away till they got tender; that's all they want."

The beets were set aside in vinegar until such time as they were fit val of senile friskiness, noise, temto cat. We sampled them daily but there was no susceptible improvement. On Sunday, we cleaned up mashy, hali-fellow-well-met who lives the house, brushed ourselves, and walked up to Serrine's ranch, where the important politician from a small Mrs. S. and Mrs. Judge Howell were discussing some abstruse question.

They wanted to know how "baching" went. Warren went into details and finally mentioned the beets. There was an instantaneous duet of soprano and contralto:

"Didn't you boil 'em first?" I sneaked outside, and left Warren to settle things with the two

Adjustable Shoe Fastener.

Numerous attempts have been made to design a fastener for shoes which will overcome the faults of the button shoe and yet be as serviceable and practical as the laced shoe. Everybody is familiar with the one objection to the button fastening-



the shoe seldom fits the foot properly until the buttons are ptrfectly read-This fault is, of course, overcome in the laced shoe, but the latter requires more labor to fasten. A shoe fastener patented by a New Jersey man and shown in the illustration appears to be a good substitute for either although it lacks beauty. This fastener is of metal, consisting of a tongue which is fastened to the shoe on one side of the opening and the clamp on the opposite side. The tongue is formed of several wedge-shaped hooks. The tongues can thus be connected to the c'amps at any desired point, and the flaps of the shoe drawn together to any desired extent. The fastener can be employed also on other articles of apparel, such as corsets,

Lost Her Engagement Finger. Miss Emma Collins, 18 years old, the daughter of B. L. Collins, a Boone county 'Mo.) farmer, can never wear a ring on her engagement finger. While ascending the cellar steps she lost her balance and fell. and her finger was lacerated. The finger was amputated.

Productive Maple.

From a single maple tree on the farm of Charles Hulslander, Tioga County, Pa., a yield of one hundred gallons of sap was obtained, from which was made about twenty-three pounds of sugar. The tree was about two feet in diameter and was tapped in five places.

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ALWAYS LOOK FOR TWISTERS.

the Tornado Belt.

To the region where tornadoes are common, which is a pretty narge territory, nearly every family has one member who has a highly developed fear of storms. When warm weather and the cyclone put in their appearance the scary one begins the properation of a safe retreat, probably in the cellar under the house; or if he happens to be a thirty-third degree member of the Amatgamated

lined with reenforced concrete con-

structed somewhere in the back

With," and among the things I yard. In his cave or cellar retreat the coward puts a bed, and i fhe has it had he is ant to lay in a stock of provisions and a barrel of water. During the day the other members of the family have a good deal of fun chaffing the coward; but he gets even

at night by disturbing their sleep. Among other peculiarities of the cyclone coward is an optical illusion which possesses him about the time the bass begin to bite. From then untl harvest time every cloud he sees assumes a funnel shape and he is sure we are going to have a twister. And he never misses a cloud. When he sees one, he gets up, gathers up his clothes and th einsurance papers and proceeds to try to herd the family to safety.

If the coward happens to be the man of the house he sometimes succeeds in dragging the sleepy wife and children t othe cellar while he looks out the door until a gentle summer shower begins to fall. But if the coward is the wife she never has much succes with the old man beyond getting him angry, ε .J because of her duty to the children she takes them to the 'fraid hole, abardoning "Let 'em soak a while, then, and the husband to his fate-and sleep.

About once in 2,000,000 times the cyclone coward makes a good bet and then his name is numbered with the survivors. But it costs him a lot of good sleep.

Strange Scenes at Conventions.

To a newcomer a pelitical convention is an hitherto unimagined carniper and downright lunacy. The social leader, the millionaire; the by the sweat of his political brow; city; the diffident, nervous, country lawyer; the gaping backwoodsman; the suave, confident statesman, all mingle here to plot and plan, to mine and countermine, to charge and retreat, and to take in flank and in the rear, just as armies struggle with strength and strategy for the mastery of a field. And as the smoke of battle brings beyond the surface of civilization's veneer the primeval instincts of man, so is the rougher man exposed in the fight of the convention hall, with its ambitions, its hatred and its lust of power, Although such moments do not come in all conventions, in each the same lack of dignity may be found. The easily aroused laughter, the readiness to cheer at any and all times, the highly strung nerves on which, it may happen, an orator plays with results that can be compared to the ease with which the French people were accustomed to raise and pull down their popular heroes—these are some of its inalienable traits.

The American Game Why is baseball so popular. It is hour. The hydropiane, which apin no sense a gambling game, Men pears to proceed by "sheer leaps" do not go to a baseball game for the purpose of winning the price of a box lusion-can be stopped dead when at the theatre, a suit of clothes, or an elaborate dinner with a party of friends. No betting sheds are found in baseball enclosured. There are no bookmakers with odds on the different teams posted up. And practically all of them forbid the sale of any drinks more harmful than soda water, root beer, and similar "soft" beverages. Lovers of baseball de not turn out in order to drink or gamble. They go because they are really fond of the sport. The basebail "fan" goes because he likes to get out into the open air, to sit in grandstand or on bleacher for an hour or two, and see efficient athletes contest for the mastery. There is no brutality about baseball, nothing that is debasing or demoralizing. And it is the most popular sport in the United States to-day, as for many years past. It will be popular long after public sentiment has closed every race track at which gambling is permitted.-Salt Lake Herald.

Honduran Hardwood.

A railroad in Honduras which has just been opened to traffic as far as Celba, thirty-five miles, was built with creosoted pine ties from the United States. It is worthy of note that while creosoted pine ties are being shipped from the United States te Honduras, hardwoods are coming to the United States from that country. Americans are doing the shipping both ways. A tract of 8,000 acres in Honduras has been secured by an American company which will In the fall her ring caught on a nail cut the manogany and other valuable hardwoods and ship them to the United States .- Forest and Stream.

Why He Kept a Goat.

A man whose house adjoined the railway, kept a goat tethered in his garden. A friend asked him one day what was the use of the goat. "Use of the goat!" he repiled. "Man, that goat keeps me in coals. Never a train passes but the fireman throws bit of coal at it."

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> Many a man fails to get ahead because he has the backward-glance habit.

OLD VILLAGE LOCKUP

Quaint Structure for Confinement of Worries and Fears of the Nervous in Rogues and Vagabonds. Several villages in the Midlands of Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. England, possess in more or less ruined state their old parish lockups, commonly known as round houses.

Breedon, a Leicestershire village,

close to the South Derbyshire border,

possesses its "lockup,' a quaint stone

building 18 feet high and 8 feet, 6

inches diameter inside. The walls

are fifteen inches thick. The door is

of stout oak studded with many large

The lock is very strong and the

keyhole is covered with an iron plate.

which it self has to be unlocked by a

spanner before the door key can be

inserted. Ventilation is afforded by

small holes punched in an iron plate,

6 inches by 7, fixed in the centre of

At Worthington, the next village

to Breedon, the old lockup is a seven-

sided brick building, badly in need

or restoration, an opportunity for

archaeologists which it is hoped will

not be missed. Both at Breedon and

Worthington these diminutive dis-

used prisons are on the roadside, ad-

jacent to the pound or pinfold, so

that the constable had conveniently

side by side the strayed cattle, and

any human rogues or vagabonds he

had charge of. There are similar

old lockups at Smisby and Ticknall,

two villages close to Leicestershire.

His Dog Identified Him.

sarily require satisfactory identifica-

tion of persons who ask to have

checks cashed. The same rule is

followed in the post-office by clerks

who each money-orders; but what

the nature of the identification will

rests to some extent in the discre-

tion of the clerk. The Boston Her-

A Boston business man called at

the postal order department the

other day to get an order cashed, but

the clerk in attendance had only re-

cently been appointed. He said the

caller would have to be identified be

"Why, I have had hundreds of or

ders cashed here," he replied, with

a show of impatience. "Isn't there

now. The others are out to lunch-

my dog's collar as sufficient identi-

The man whistled for his terrier,

and taking him in his arms, "boost-

ed" him up to the window. The

clerk read the name and address on

A Boat That Skips Along.

Times gives a most interesting ac-

count of the hydroplane Ricochet II.,

designed and constructed by the MM.

Le Las, of Paris. The little vessel,

which is described as resembling a

fresh water punt some 13 feet in

length, decked fore and aft, has a

flat but not horizontal under-surface,

sloped up gently forward so as to

skim over the water, and is driven

by a twelve horse-power motor on

the principle of the ricochet shot or

"ducks and drakes," reaching a

speed of forty kilometres to the

though this is probably an optical il-

at high speed in a dozen yards, but

presents some difficulties in turning.

The motion is described as delight-

ful as well as novel!" by those who

have been on board. Whether the

new invention can be turned to

practical use remains to be seen, but

its extreme lightness commends it to

explorers, and one has been in use

for mail purposes on the Niger for

An Interrupted Story.

man, known everywhere as "Bob,"

used to be a favorite in Dublin soci-

ety about forty years ago. His sto-

ries were famous. ' Give him an in-

cident and he would set it out to

One evening he went into the

club, and there began telling the true

tale of receuing a lady and her

daughters from a dangerous situa-

tion into which their spirited horses,

"and I quieted the horses And the

gratitude of the ladies! Me boys.

I shouldn't be surprised if her lady-

At that moment a little Irish page

"Sir," said he, "Lady Arnold says

she lost her purse when ye helped

her out of the carriage; and plaze.

she says do yez know anything about

The captain's story was never fin-

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A correspondent of the London

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"I'm the only one on duty just

"Will you take the inscription on

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